

Criminal Assets Recovery Act 1990 (section 21C)

ASSETS FORFEITURE NOTICE

In accordance with section 21C of the *Criminal Assets Recovery Act 1990 (the Act)*, the New South Wales Crime Commission (**the Commission**) hereby issues a notice of intention to forfeit (**assets forfeiture notice**) the following property to the Crown:

The amount of approximately \$228,220 in cash seized by members of the New South Wales Police Force on 15 December 2022 (Exhibit References XD500042496 [\$124,040], XD500042495 [\$66,680] and XD500033856 [\$37,500]) from Room 1405 of Zara Towers Hotel, Sydney (**the property**).

This assets forfeiture notice is issued on the following grounds:

1. The occupant of Room 1405 of Zara Towers Hotel was arrested on 14 December 2022 and charged with offences contrary to the *Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985*. The property is held by NSW Police Force and was seized after it was located in Room 1405 of Zara Towers Hotel, Sydney, by hotel staff on 15 December 2022. The property is held by police pursuant to their powers under the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002*.
2. The Commission is reasonably satisfied the property is an interest in property:
 - a. of a person suspected of engaging in serious crime related activity; and/or
 - b. suspected of being serious crime derived property because of serious crime related activity; and/or
 - c. suspected of being an available interest relating to serious crime use property within the meaning of the Act.

Pursuant to section 21A of the Act, a dispute claim in relation to this assets forfeiture notice may be made by within **60 days** of the publication of this notice and pursuant to section 21G of the Act, **MUST**:

1. be made **in writing to the Commission** by post to 453-463 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW or by e-mail to AFNDisputes@crimecommission.nsw.gov.au; and
2. include the following information:
 - (a) the name, date of birth and address of the person making the claim (**the claimant**),
 - (b) the basis of the claim, including the following and evidence, if any, supporting the following—
 - (i) a description of the claimant's interest in the property,
 - (ii) how the interest in the property was acquired,
 - (iii) why the interest in the property is not illegally acquired property,
 - (c) a statutory declaration supporting the information in the claim.

Unless a dispute claim is made to the Commission by 23 May 2023 (i.e. 60 days after the publication of this notice), this assets forfeiture notice takes effect.

22 March 2023



Peter Bodor KC
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New South Wales Crime Commission